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TO: Each Supervisor

FROM: James A. Noyes  
Director of Public Works

### **AB 939 COMPLIANCE SB 1066 TIME EXTENSION**

Recently, I informed your Board of the status of our efforts in complying with the solid waste reduction mandates of State law, AB 939. For the year 2000, we were unable to mathematically substantiate achievement of the waste diversion mandate of 50 percent using the State's measurement methodology--the County unincorporated area's year 2000 diversion rate, using the State's Disposal Reporting System data, was estimated at 30 percent. Subsequently, we worked extensively with the Waste Board to develop a time extension request that would be supported by both the County and the Waste Board.

On October 15, 2002, the Waste Board approved our request for a time extension through December 31, 2004. While we initially requested a three-year time extension, Waste Board staff have indicated that they would consider an additional extension during 2004 should they determine that we have a reasonable justification for the additional time. The approved time extension provides for the following enhancements to the County's waste diversion programs:

1. County to implement a Construction and Demolition Ordinance by the end of 2002. The goal is to recycle construction and demolition materials to a reasonable degree. We are currently working with County Counsel and the building industry to finalize a proposal for your Board's consideration.
2. County to begin a gradual implementation of a number of franchise systems and/or garbage disposal districts in the unincorporated area upon expiration of the five-year notice to waste haulers. With the exception of the Lennox community, the Board issued the five-year notice in June 1998. The Lennox notice was issued in September 1997, and we are moving forward with the formation of a garbage disposal district in the community by the end of this year.

3. County to gradually implement automated trash collection system in all Garbage Disposal Districts and in the areas with franchise system. In July 2002, we implemented an automated system in the Belvedere Garbage Disposal District and based on the results so far we are reducing more waste. Other jurisdictions have also experienced similar reductions as well as a "cleaner" community.
4. County, through the land use permit process, to implement measures to improve accuracy of the disposal tonnages at the Puente Hills and Sunshine Canyon Landfills.

With the exception of the requirement for accurate disposal tonnages at the Sunshine and Puente Hills Landfills, the program enhancements listed are consistent with our Solid Waste Collection System–Option Analysis report adopted by the Board on May 22, 2001, and are needed in order to improve the existing trash collection system.

We are continuing with implementation of the above-listed programs and will provide your Board with a quarterly report on the status of our efforts. This quarterly report will also replace the quarterly reports on the Solid Waste Collection System–Option Analysis we have been providing to your office since August 22, 2001.

If you have any questions regarding this matter, please contact me or your staff may call Don Wolfe, Assistant Director, at (626) 458-4014, or Mike Mohajer, Assistant Deputy Director, at (626) 458-3500.

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